

CUSTOMS COLLECTOR IS ACCUSED BY VILLA

Mexican Chieftain Decalres
Frank Rabb Discriminates
Against Him.

An official investigation of charges that Frank Rabb, collector of customs at Brownsville, Tex., has been intriguing in Mexican affairs and has attempted to interfere in the shipment of non-contraband goods from the American side to Mexican belligerents, will be instituted as the result of a complaint made today.

It is learned that a protest will be made to the State Department, if it has not already been filed, by the Villa confidential agency here, objecting to alleged discrimination by Rabb against the Villa force at Matamoros, opposite Brownsville, where Villa and Carranza troops have been preparing for one of the most important engagements of the revolution.

The Villa forces charge that Rabb has refused to permit provisions consigned to the Villa army to be sent over the border, while permitting shipments to go through to Carranza's troops. Protest made to the collector, it is said, met with the explanation that he was acting under Washington orders. When inquiry was made at the Treasury Department Villa representatives said they were told that no instructions had been sent to Rabb.

Went to Capital.
Charges of intriguing in Mexican politics were made against Rabb several months ago when he obtained leave of absence and went to Mexico City. He was charged with furthering the presidential ambition of Gen. Lucio Blanco, who captured Matamoros from Carranza.

Blanco was in Mexico City at the time of Rabb's visit. Blanco later broke with Carranza and joined President Gutierrez, evincing the capital with Gutierrez. Blanco was captured by Villa recently at Aguas Calientes and was shot for treason after court-martial.

Villa agents charge that Rabb has been unfriendly to Villa since Blanco's execution and that he has taken advantage of his official position to air his animosity.

With famine conditions prevailing in Tampico, 300 Americans, most of them destitute, have appealed to the United States to be brought home.

Their request now is under consideration and it is expected that, if no other arrangement can be made, an army transport will be sent from Galveston for that purpose.

The situation in the Tampico district is growing more serious daily. Carranza has sent additional troops there and they brought practically no food with them. As a result much of the foodstuffs have been consumed.

Fighting continues at Ebanco, where a number of the big oil properties have been badly damaged. The oil operators have organized for the purpose of importing corn from the United States for local distribution. It is to be disposed of at cost to relieve the situation.

The resistance of the Orta party in eastern Yucatan is declared to have broken completely. Carranza now is said to be in full control of Yucatan and conditions generally are quiet.

Sisal Being Shipped.

The railroad between Merida and Progreso is being repaired and sisal is being sent forward as fast as ships can be loaded. The Alm has cleared for New Orleans with 5,000 bales of sisal and the Bedford Vale is loading 10,000, and expects to clear for the same port today.

Reports from the west coast declare that a column of Carranzistas, en route to attack Guadalupe, has been routed by Villistas with a loss of several hundred. There has been some rioting at Guaymas and most of the stores there are now reported closed. Acapulco and Mazatlan are reported quiet.

Officials here believe that Generals Villa and Angeles, who are reported to have left Monterey yesterday, are en route to the border to take command of the operations against Matamoros. The defeat in the initial fighting there is declared to have angered Villa as he has been anxious to demonstrate that he could control the border.

Angeles, who is one of the best artillerymen in Mexico, is expected to assume command of the artillery and to so arrange it that no shells will fall on American territory.

Mexico Faces Famine

And Medieval Anarchy,

Says Alien Committee

EL PASO, April 4.—A committee investigating the situation in Mexico has sent a report here by courier declaring that "unless the anarchy, chaos and desolation which prevail in all parts of the republic is remedied the world will witness a spectacle here which will be as a page torn from the history of the middle ages."

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PAINTING OF FAMOUS GARDEN ON EXHIBIT



Anne Hathaway's cottage in England. Painted by Mary Helen Carlisle.

tee says, due to the depredations of roving bands of bandits who keep the farmers from the fields. Five states of Mexico have enough corn to last eight months. Yucatan has no corn, but money to buy it. The rest of Mexico, the committee says, has a supply of corn that will last only till July and when this is exhausted a population of 13,000,000 will feel the pinch of famine.

A statement from the American colony at Mexico City, brought here by Arthur Bullard Johnson, who is on his way to Washington to speak for the 2,000 Americans and the international committee of foreigners in the Mexican capital, paints a dark picture of conditions in Mexico.

Bryan is criticised for ordering Americans from Mexico at a time when there was no means of exit. The confiscation of land, indignities on clergy and nuns, and outraging of women, the shipping of women in closed cattle cars to Vera Cruz, the shutting of schools and churches, the looting of homes and other indignities are specified. The statement will be placed before the State Department at Washington.

CORONER WILL HOLD

WHITAKER INQUEST

Bank Officer Killed by "Live"

Wire That Had Snapped and

Fallen in Street.

A coroner's inquest will be held at

morgue at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning

to determine the responsibility, if

any, for the death late yesterday of

Wallace A. Whitaker, receiving teller

at the National Savings and Trust

Company, who was killed by a live

electric wire borne down by the

storm near his home in Deland

place northwest.

An inquest was ordered by Coroner

Nevitt today, and it is probable that

several who saw the accident, repre-

sentatives of the power company, and

others will be summoned as wit-

nesses.

Mr. Whitaker, who was going to his

home at 1309 Deland place, about 7

o'clock last night, and alighted from a

car at Fourteenth and Emerson streets,

walking east toward his home. Near

Thirteenth street he saw four boys

standing about a live wire. Edward

Chapin, sixteen years old, of 1308 De-

land place, warned him not to touch it,

saying the boys were on guard. Mr.

Whitaker replied that he would move

the wire from the sidewalk, and touched

it to show that it would not hurt him.

Apparently feeling secure from this

test, he grasped the wire, and was

electrocuted.

The police had been notified previous-

ly by Charles Turtell, one of the boys,

and the power was soon cut off.

Dr. Edwin M. Hasbrouck was sum-

moned, but he found life extinct, and

Mr. Whitaker's left hand almost burned

off.

The wire was an overhead feed wire

that had snapped under the weight of

snow upon it.

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CARLISLE EXHIBIT OPENS TOMORROW

Paintings of English, Scotch,
and Irish Gardens Will Be
Shown at Moore's Galleries.

By FLORENCE E. YODER.

Not only artists, lovers of flowers, and

lovers of gardens will be interested in

the collection of paintings by Miss Mary

Helen Carlisle which are to be on ex-

hibition at Moore's galleries tomorrow,

but there is every indication that one

of the most natural characteristics of the

human race, curiosity, the spirit in-

carinate of the tourist, will be satisfied

at last.

For the Carlisle paintings to be shown

are of gardens, not ordinary pretty gar-

dens, not ordinary pretty gardens, such

as one sees laid out like games by wily

architects, but real live gardens, many

of which have never before been pro-

fessed by public gaze—the gardens of

the famous castles of England, Ireland,

and Scotland. Washington is lucky to

have them for a few days, especially

since they have become so justly fa-

mous on both sides of the Atlantic.

No "admittance" and "private

grounds" are the two signs which re-

marks have offended more well-meaning

tourists than anything else, but either

they or their equivalent in the form of

a determined servant, have for many

years kept the public from the private

gardens of the most beautiful estates in

all the British Isles.

Mary Carlisle, however, by virtue of

her friendship with the Princess Louise,

the Duchess of Argyll, succeeded in ob-

taining admittance into the most in-

teresting of the English gardens, and

after making paintings of those, went

last summer on a tour through Ireland

and Scotland, thereby completing her

collection.

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"California was the inspiration for

my first work," said Miss Carlisle to-

day. The flowers were so glorious

there that it was next to impossible to

go without painting them, but strange

to say, the people there were so much

more interested in the Mexican

sketches which I had, that I packed

my gardens and flowers away, and kept

them in London. There they

were quite popular from the very start,

and it was from them that the sug-

gestion that I paint the beautiful his-

toric gardens of England arose.

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STORM BITTER BLOW TO BUSINESS HERE

Retail Merchants' Association
Expects Revival During the
Present Week.

The pre-Easter storm gave business a hard blow, but the public will benefit through attractive sales during the next week, is the opinion of R. P. Andrews, president of the Retail Merchants' Association.

Mr. Andrews asserts that the unexpected snow hunt all classes of merchants who laid in Easter goods.

"Naturally, if there was no opportunity to sell all the goods before Easter," says Mr. Andrews, "the merchants are going to see that they are promptly disposed of and the public need not feel quite so badly as the merchant about the weather."

The florists shops, as well as the other business establishments, were hurt by the storm. The Eastern demand for flowers was considerably curtailed, although William F. Gude said today that a surprisingly large amount of business is being done by Washington flower merchants.

Mr. Gude maintained an all-night force at his store and other florists appeared on the rush today, notwithstanding the cutting down of business by the snow storm. With perfect weather yesterday, the florists would have had more business than could be handled in all probability.

The spring gambol committee of the Retail Merchants' Association has decided to charter a steamer for a river trip in May. The trip probably will be along the Chesapeake bay and its tributaries. The spring gambol committee follows:

R. P. Andrews, chairman; F. V. Killian, Myer Fellheimer, William Brice, John Detweiler, Harry E. Mayer, E. E. Hapley, John L. Newbold, Sidney Resenfeld, William Ramsey, N. Samuel Charles Schwartz, George W. Spier, Charles G. Stott, Joseph Strasburger, G. Joseph Swenson, Will T. Towles, R. E. Tremis, W. H. Warner, Whitman Osgood, F. P. Wilcox, S. M. Avery, John H. Ontich, Joseph M. Stoddard, Charles E. Cran, W. H. Fisher, Harry King, Julius Lansburgh, Ernest Mayer, J. W. Lucas, Dr. John W. Lowe, Arthur Newman, Ben Schwartz, Washington Topham, Edward W. Zee, Simon Kann, R. H. Martin, O. J. DeMott, E. H. Droop, B. M. Bridget, and Max Rich.

The monthly report of the Retail Merchants' Association calls attention to a response to the District Commissioners and the chief of police, Major Pullman, which will be extended by the merchants at their quarterly meeting, which has been called for Friday evening, April 16, at the Raleigh.

Read The Times
Noon Edition Monday for big suburban property list.—Adv.

Says She Smoked Cigar.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 4.—Alleging that two weeks after their marriage in Minneapolis, in 1903, his wife smoked a cigar in the presence of strange men, to the humiliation of himself, George W. Ellis sues May Ellis for a divorce and asks for the custody of their daughter.

Sentenced to Revival.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., April 4.—Charles W. Cox, of this city, was sentenced to attend the tabernacle revival services here for a week when he was arraigned before Recorder Starr charged with intoxication. If Cox fails to carry out the sentence of the court he will go to Goshen jail for sixty days.

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Some of the other stirring features which will make up this splendid number are:

Naval Losses of the War

This is accompanied by special drawings showing the number and the types of ships that have so far been lost by the Allies and by Germany. At a glance the reader can learn the awful score up to date.

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Both sides of the controversy between the Post-Office Department and the Railroads are given fairly and enable the reader to clearly understand the real facts in this important case.

Our Duty in the Chino-Japanese Dispute Philadelphia's Verdict on Billy Sunday

France's Pet Gun

This last feature is illustrated by special drawings which show the construction and appearance of the famous gun that has had such a deadly effect against the Germans, and which was a jealously guarded secret until the war made concealment no longer possible.

In citing the above-mentioned features, the contents of this week's number of THE LITERARY DIGEST are by no means exhausted, because all the other fields of interest and importance are represented at satisfactory length and with full impartiality by text and picture—Science, Politics, Invention, Sport, Art, Literature, Religion, Education, Industry, Music and the Drama.

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